



BCA Newsletter



NEW YEAR: NEW AMBITION

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



BCA HOUSE SYSTEM

We are pleased to announce that we have implemented the whole school House System at BCA. The House coordinator is our Secondary teacher, Ms Curteis, who has explained to families the purpose and the activities that will take place all over the year.

The House system is common in British schools. As you know by now, it is a way of arranging children into groups of mixed-age for certain activities.

The Houses of Harry Potter's fictional school Hogwarts have been used as a well-known example, but the similarity is only superficial. In Hogwarts, the House system is run by the adults, with points awarded at the teacher's whim, and Houses quickly gain a certain reputation e.g. goodies or baddies, athletic or academic. It's a bit of fun and goes no deeper.

The BCA House system will encompass and strengthen key aspects of the student experience, including:

- Student learning
- Student wellbeing
- Green School and UNICEF
- Assemblies
- Sporting and other events

There are two sides to this house system:

1. House events (student participation and house spirit).
2. Whole School House Council (leadership and school development), meeting regularly with the school Leadership Team.

The overall aims are to:

- Promote BCA Mission and Values
- Promote a sense of community and belonging
- Provide opportunities for student leadership
- Involve students in school development



Mr Harry Lock
Principal

PERU - ON THE TRAIL OF THE INCAS

At the end of the last school year, our Diploma Programme students enjoyed an amazing two-week journey to Peru. It was the most ambitious field trip in the school's history, and set the standard for what can be experienced, and achieved, by our senior students, and the ambition and commitment of our staff in proposing and leading the trip.

The students had much more than a great trip with friends. It was also an opportunity for authentic cultural engagement through the volunteer project and through staying in a rural areas for some of the time. And, of course, the classic tourist sites of Cuzco and Macchu Picchu were visited.



NOTICES

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The first round of parent-teacher conferences will soon begin. Between October 8th and November 5th there will be a conference for each year group. Please check the Academic Calendar on the Parent Portal for the date of yours, and save the date. You will be informed before booking opens.

These conferences, early in the school year, are an ideal opportunity to hear about the progress and learning of your child, and their targets for success for the remainder of the term and beyond.

Parent Forum - Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

New date: Tuesday 8th October 09:00

This event was postponed because of the busy first weeks of school, but it is important that it goes ahead, and that we have a good attendance.

The idea of these forums is to engage with educational themes of current interest, and particularly those around which there may be a range of opinions. The idea is to provide parents with information, to hear their views, and the views of educators and specialists, and to clarify and/or shape school policy.

Relationships Education is taught in Primary, and Relationships and Sex Education is taught in Secondary, always in an age-appropriate manner and in line with the English National Curriculum. Parents are informed in advance of when sex education is to be covered and, as in the UK, have the right to withdraw their child from certain areas of the RSE curriculum.

Please register your attendance in admin@bcandorra.com and by Friday 4th October.

Proposal - BCA Breakfast Club

We are considering providing a Breakfast Club at the school, to meet the needs of parents who prefer to drop their child off at 08:00.

Children would be supervised and involved in games and activities (including quiet options such as reading), and provided with a breakfast snack. We envisage this being for Primary and perhaps Lower Secondary children.

If you are potentially interested in such a service, please contact admin@bcandorra.com and we will then look at options.

Early pick-ups in the afternoon

Collecting your child early for medical appointments is of course absolutely fine.

We have noticed an increase in requests to collect children early for other reasons. This can be disruptive for the children and teachers, who may be in the middle of a lesson. It requires additional coordination by our administration team. Full time attendance at school is required for all children in Year 2 above.

We will continue to assist with these requests, but kindly ask parents, if an early pick up in the afternoon is necessary, to do this at break time or lesson change over times i.e.

Primary: before 13:50, or between 14:50 and 15:10

Secondary: before 14:30, or at 15:30

After 15:10/15:30, please wait until the end of the school day (16:15/16:30) to collect your child.

APTA PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

A DAYDREAMING MOM IN ANDORRA



PERFORMANCE IN ENGLISH WITH SUBTITLES IN CATALAN

A ONE-ACT COMEDY PLAY ABOUT AN EXPAT MOM WHO USES DAYDREAMING AS AN ESCAPE WHENEVER THE CHALLENGES OF RAISING HER CHILDREN, GROWING HER BUSINESS, AND ADJUSTING TO LIFE IN ANDORRA BECOME TOO OVERWHELMING.

- THE PLAY IS MAINLY ENGLISH, REFLECTING THE PROTAGONIST'S EXPERIENCE AS A NEWLY-ARRIVED EXPAT.
- CATALAN AND SPANISH, SPOKEN BY FOUR CHARACTERS, HIGHLIGHTING CULTURAL DIFFERENCES AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS EXPATS FACE.
- AN INTERNATIONAL CAST AND TEAM—ALL BASED IN ANDORRA—REFLECTING THE CONTEXT OF THE STORY
- DAYDREAM SEQUENCES MUSIC COMPOSED BY SUSANNE GEORGI AND FRANCESCA AÆN .

THE ORIGINAL STORY IS A MULTIPLE AWARD-WINNING SCRIPT, HAVING WON BEST SCREENPLAY AT THE LONDON FESTIVAL (2023) AND THE HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL DIVERSITY FILM FESTIVAL (2022), AS WELL AS BEING A FINALIST AT THE CANNES FILM FESTIVAL (2024). WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY BRAZILIAN PLAYWRIGHT RENATA ELIS, WHO ADAPTED THE ORIGINAL STORY TO THE CONTEXT OF ANDORRA, WHERE SHE LIVES AS AN EXPAT.

A SINGLE PERFORMANCE

21ST OF NOVEMBER 2024 | 20:00 | THE CENTRE DE CONGRESSOS D'ANDORRA LA VELLA
DURATION: 60 MINUTES | AGES: 12+ | [BUY YOUR TICKET HERE](#)

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BCA HOUSE SYSTEM

ACTIVITIES IN HOUSE TEAMS



COLOUR DAY



PARENTS VISITING RECEPTION TO TALK ABOUT THEIR JOB



YEAR 2 SOLAR SYSTEM LESSON

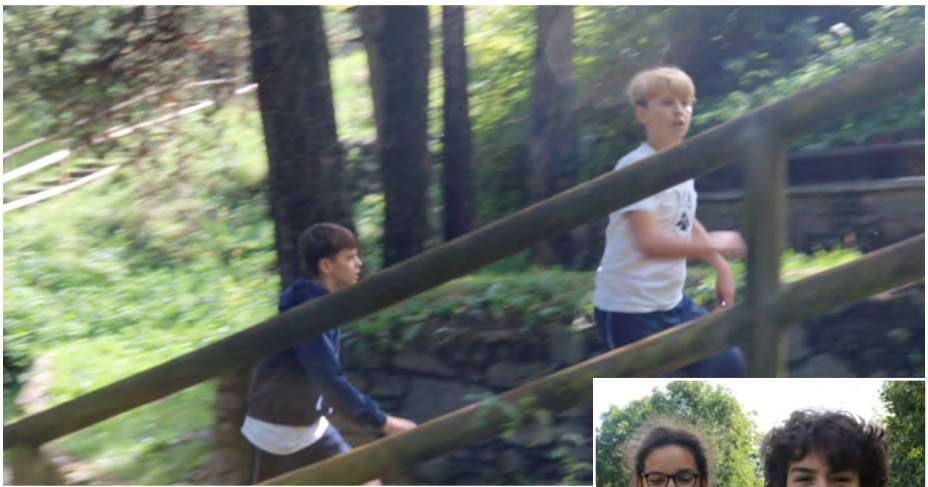


SECONDARY SCIENCE LESSON WITH THEIR NEW TEACHER



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FIRST DAYS BACK



